

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION**

RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
(a/k/a RALEIGH DURHAM INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT),

Plaintiff,  
vs.

WARD TRANSFORMER COMPANY, INC.; BBC I,  
LLC; THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA;  
PROGRESS ENERGY, INC. (d/b/a CAROLINA  
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY); THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA; THE UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY;  
UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES,  
HEIRS, AND DEVISEES OF ROBERT E. WARD,  
JR., AND WIFE, VIRGINIA P. WARD; WAKE  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TAX  
ADMINISTRATION; YOUNG MOORE AND  
HENDERSON, P.A.; and ROBERT E. WARD, III  
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE  
GST OVERFLOW TRUST, AS HEIR AND  
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE  
INTERESTS HELD BY ROBERT E. WARD, JR.  
AND WIFE, VIRGINIA P. WARD IN THE DEEDS  
OF TRUST RECORDED AT BOOK 5407, PAGE  
855 AND 858 OF THE WAKE COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA, REGISTER OF DEEDS

Defendants.

Case No. 5:19-cv-304-D

**ORDER STAYING  
DISCOVERY AND  
SUSPENDING  
SCHEDULING ORDER  
DEADLINES**


This matter is before the Court on the parties Joint Motion to Stay Discovery and Suspend the Scheduling Order. The Court, in exercise of its discretion, hereby **GRANTS** the Parties' motion.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that discovery in this action is stayed and that all deadlines in the current scheduling order are hereby suspended.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Federal Government Defendants and Defendant Ward Transformer Company, Inc. shall seek approval of the proposed settlement between them in accordance with steps outlined in the Plaintiff's Motion to Stay Discovery and Suspend Scheduling Order Deadlines.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Federal Government Defendants shall report to the Court regarding the status of the settlement approval process on or before May 23, 2020 and shall notify the Court whether any additional time is needed to obtain approval of the settlement.

**SO ORDERED**, this 30 day of January, 2020.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
United States District Judge